Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the hon'ble member make some enquiries in the light of this question and see whether some more amenities can be provided?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Any investigation made as to the cause of these deaths?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes, it was reported that the deaths were due to pure accidents. It was not due to improper construction of the bridge.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the cause in the death certificates?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* They slipped and fell down.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Whether it was not brought to the notice of the department that these deaths were caused by slipping from the bridges and not from the approaches to the bridges?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Does the Police Commissioner know the full details of the case?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* One is a boy. He slipped and fell down and died. Similarly the other man also died. Both were due to accidents.

RAILWAY ROAD, ERNAKULAM—EXTENSION OF

84. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the serious inconvenience that would be caused to the people residing at the Railway Road and the Railway Station Road and the staff and workmen of Messrs. Tata Oil Mills, Ltd., Messrs. Burmah Shell, etc., if the Railway Road is not extended to the east up to the Ernakulam (North) Railway Station?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have sanctioned the opening of a road from Edapilly road to the North station and this is enough for all practical purposes.

PERSONS WHO DIED UNDER POLICE CUSTODY—1114

85. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many persons died when they were under Police custody during the year 1114 in the State;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made regarding the cause of their death;

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(*c*) if the answer to sub-division (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the causes of the death that happened?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* (*a*) None.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether two people died after an investigation by the police sergeant of Mattancheri? Here it is stated that nobody died while they were in police custody. I want to know whether these two people really died on account of the after effects of the investigation.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* To my experience and knowledge, investigation has not killed any body.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I refer to Criminal Appeals 7 and 8 of 1115 of the High Court. I really conducted this case and the judgment will show that these two died—I am sure the Advocate-General will support me—on account of the after effects of the investigation.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* There was an examination by Mr. C. L. Joseph and he says that the death is not due to injury, but it is due to different causes, which need not have been left to the Inspector. There is no case of any torture.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether any remarks have been passed by the High Court?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Avocate-General):* No remarks of murder or any such thing.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In answer to Question 71 (*d*), it is stated that one person died in the hospital at Irinjalakkuda. Here it is said that none has died. May I know whether that death took place in 1115 or earlier.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* He was not in Police custody. He was in the sub-jail as a Remand Prisoner.

EXCISE OFFICERS—ENAMMAVU RANGE—COMPLAINTS AGAINST

86. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are officers (including Petty Officers and peons) of the Excise Preventive Force in the

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